harth Nagar, Sonabhadra, Srinagar (Garhwal), Khatauli, Dadri, Hathras, Balrampur, Ayodhya, Devasharif, Bagpat (Agarwal Mandi), Sikandarabad, Kashipur, Bajpur, Haldwani, Ranikhet, Mohmadabad, Kasna, Kicha, Ramnagar, and Fatehpur Sikhri.

Sale of 50 Mirage Jets to Pakistan by Australia

1806.SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer ot Unstarred Question No. 1525 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd May, 1990 and state:

(a) what has been the response of Australia to the Government of India's expression of regret and disappointment conveyed to it on their decision to sell 50 Mirage Jets to Pakistan;

(b) whether Australia has given any assurance that it will reconsider the sale under certain conditions; if so, what are these circumstances; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these fighters have substantial lethal potential; if so, what action Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Australia has acknowledged Government of India's expression of regert and disappointment on their decisioon to sell 50 Mirage Jets to Pakistan and appreciated our concern.

(b) Australia has assured us that it will review the sale if hostilities break out or appear imminent. Australia has also stated that the deliveries are unlikely to take place before next year.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India takes suitable steps from time to time for meeting possible threats.

Talks on Non Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons between India and Pakistan

1807. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has expressed its willingness to discuss with India the question of non-profileration of nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to discuss in detail the danger of nuclear weapon and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Pakistan has, from time to time, been making proposals on nuclear matters in a narrow regional or bilateral context.

(b) and (c) Government are of the view that nuclear non-proliferation is a global issue and does not lend itself to a bilateral or regional solution.

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(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification G.S.R. No. 326, dated the 26th May, 1990, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (Office Combatant—Non-Gazetted) Cadre Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 1990, under sub-section (3) of section 18